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An electrochemical sensor comprises a housing and a polarity of disposable test elements (3) located in the housing and arranged so that the elements are presented sequentially to a test station, wherein the electrodes may be contacted with a specimen containing an analyte, the test station further including electrical contact means adapted to engage said electrode element to produce a signal characteristic of the analyte.

